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OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1960

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Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
TYLDESLEY.

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.

I have the honour to present for your information and consideration the Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of the Urban District of Tyldesley for the year 1960.

STATISTICS

According to the Registrar General's mid year estimate the population of the district has shown a further decrease, being 17,440 as against 17,460 the previous year and 17,530 in 1958.

During the year under review 262 births occurred, an increase of 29 on the previous year. 8 babies were still born. Relating these figures to the population the Live Birth Rate is 14.9 an increase of 1.6 on the previous year, and the Still Birth Rate 29.6 an increase of 4.5 on the year 1959.

5 babies died during their first year of life giving an Infantile Mortality Rate for the year of 19.1. 4 deaths occurred within the first week and a further 1 in the first month.

The total number of deaths (from all causes) is 13 more than in the previous year, being 231 and 13 more than in 1958 when there were 218 deaths. As in previous years the main cause of death has been disease of the heart and blood vessels. Relating the number of deaths to the population as a whole the Death Rate for the year is 15.8 greater by 3.3 than in 1959.

HEALTH SERVICES

The personal health services have been provided in the district by the Lancashire County Council, through its Divisional Health Administration Scheme, as the Local Health Authority. The essential information in relation to these services is given in Section B of this Report. Should you require further details I would refer you to my Annual Report as Divisional Medical Officer.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The outstanding statistical features of the year were:-

1. The continued absence of Diphtheria.

2. The biennial decrease of Measles - 152 cases compared with 247 in the previous year.

3. A slight decrease of notifications of Whooping Cough 10 as against 24.

The prevalent infectious diseases were mainly of the mild type and all patients recovered satisfactorily.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

The sanitary circumstances of the district have been kept under close supervision. Special attention has been paid to food and water supplies; housing and sanitation.

During the Autumn a very bad bacteriological report on the water in both plunges of the Public Baths, associated with a poor chemical report inferring considerable human excretal content caused me to reopen consideration of the wisdom of their continued use. In my view, the Council very logically decided to close the plunges until it was possible to introduce continuous filtration and chlorination.

Slum Clearance has proceeded satisfactorily.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

In conclusion I would like to place on record my sincere appreciation of your continued interest, support and encouragement throughout the year, and, at the same time thank the chief officials, their respective staffs, and my own public health staff in particular for their real help and advice on many matters.

Yours sincerely,

E. TAYLOR.

Medical Officer of Health.

Area in Acres	5,174
Registrar General's estimate of population (mid 1960)	17,440
Population census 1931	19,430
Population preliminary census 1951	18,096
Number of inhabited houses (census 1931)	4,393
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1960) according to Rate Book	5,638
Rateable Value	£167,131
Sum represented by a penny rate	£ 661

VITAL STATISTICS

Calculated on a population of 17,440

		Male	Female	Total
BIRTHS				
Live Births -	Legitimate	119	132	251
	Illegitimate	4	7	11
		123	139	262
Still Births -	Legitimate	6	2	8
	Illegitimate	-	-	-
		6	2	8

Total registered Births for 1960 - 270
Total registered Births for 1959 - 239

LIVE BIRTH RATE (Per 1,000 of Population)

For Year 1960	14.9
For Year 1959	13.3
For 5 year average 1955 - 1959	13.4
Increase in 1960 on 1959	1.6
Increase in 1960 on 5 year average	1.5
Live Birth Rate for England and Wales for 1960 . . .	17.1

STILL BIRTH RATE (Per 1,000 of population)

For Year 1960	29.6
For Year 1959	25.1
Still Birth Rate for England and Wales for 1960 . . .	19.7

DEATHS

	M.	F.	Total
INFANTILE - Legitimate	1	4	5
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	1	4	5

MATERNAL NIL

OTHER CAUSES

	M.	F.	Total
Cancer	16	16	32
Tuberculosis	1	-	1
Other Causes	109	89	198
Total registered deaths for 1960:	126	105	231
Total registered deaths for 1959:	121	97	218

INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE (Per 1,000 Live Births)

For Year 1960	19.1
For Year 1959	42.9
For 5 year average 1955 - 1959	24.5
Decrease in 1960 on 1959	23.8
Decrease in 1960 on 5 year average	5.4
Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales for 1960	21.7

TOTAL MATERNAL MORTALITY (Live and Still Births)

For Year 1960	Nil
For Year 1959	Nil
For 5 year average 1955 - 1959	0.80
Decrease in 1960 on 1959	Nil
Decrease in 1960 on 5 year average	0.80
Maternal Mortality Rate for England and Wales for 1960	0.39

TUBERCULOSIS DEATH RATE

For Year 1960	0.06
For Year 1959	0.11
For 5 year average 1955 - 1959	0.12
Decrease in 1960 on 1959	0.05
Decrease in 1960 on 5 year average	0.06
Tuberculosis Mortality Rate for England and Wales for 1960	0.068

DEATH RATE

For Year 1960	13.2
Adjusted Death Rate for 1960	15.8
For Year 1959	12.5
Adjusted Death Rate for 1959	14.9
For 5 year average 1955 - 1959	11.9
Increase in 1960 on 1959	0.9
Increase in 1960 on 5 year average	3.9
Death Rate for England and Wales for 1960	11.5

INFANTILE MORTALITY

5 deaths were reported compared with 10 during 1959 and 3 in 1958. This gives an Infantile Mortality Rate for the year 1960 of 19.1 compared with 42.9 in 1959.

The cases and ages were as follows:-

CAUSE OF DEATH	AGE IN MONTHS			
	0-1	1-3	3-6	6-12
Prematurity	2	-	-	-
Pneumonia	1	-	-	-
Haemolytic Disease of newborn	1	-	-	-
Circulatory Failure	-	-	-	1
	4	-	-	1

INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE

Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 legitimate births - 19.1

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

4 deaths occurred in the neo-natal period (under 4 weeks) giving a death rate per 1,000 live births of 15.3

EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

4 deaths occurred in the early neo-natal period (under 1 week) giving a death rate per 1,000 live births of 15.3

PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE

With 8 still births and 4 deaths under 1 week the perinatal mortality rate per 1,000 total live and still births was 44.4

CAUSE OF DEATH DURING 1960

		MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
1.	Tuberculosis - Respiratory	1	-	1
2.	Tuberculosis - Other Forms	-	-	-
3.	Syphillitic Disease	-	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	-	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6.	Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8.	Measles	-	-	-
9.	Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	-	-
10.	Cancer of Stomach	3	3	6
11.	Cancer of Lung, Bronchus	8	-	8
12.	Cancer of Breast	-	4	4
13.	Cancer of Uterus	-	-	-
14.	Cancer of Other Sites	5	9	14
15.	Leukaemia	1	-	1
16.	Diabetes	2	-	2
17.	Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	24	25	49
18.	Coronary Disease, Angina	19	12	31
19.	Hypertension with Heart Disease	2	2	4
20.	Other Heart Disease	15	18	33
21.	Other Circulatory Disease	7	5	12
22.	Influenza	1	-	1
23.	Pneumonia	4	3	7
24.	Bronchitis	11	4	15
25.	Other Disease of Respiratory System	3	2	5
26.	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	-	1	1
27.	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	1	2	3
28.	Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	-	1
29.	Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-	1
30.	Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	-	-
31.	Congenital Malformation	1	1	2
32.	Other Defined and Ill Defined Diseases	9	11	20
33.	Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	1	4
34.	All Other Accidents	3	2	5
35.	Suicide	1	-	1
36.	Homicide and Operations of War	-	-	-
		126	105	231

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1960 WITH ANALYSIS OF CASES UNDER AGE GROUPS

DISEASE	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total deaths	AGE INCIDENCE									
				Under one year	1 to 3	3 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 25	25 to 45	45 to 65	65 and over	Age unknown
Measles	152	2	-	2	67	51	32	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	10	-	-	1	3	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	47	1	-	-	9	14	20	3	1	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	60	4	-	3	13	12	8	6	4	7	2	-	5
Food Poisoning	5	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-
Erysipelas	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Pneumonia	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-
TOTALS	281	10	-	7	93	79	65	9	9	9	5	-	5

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1960

	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1959	7	2	-	-	2	-	-	-
1960	6	3	-	-	1	-	-	-

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

Ambulance Service

Leigh Ambulance Station . . . . . .) Tel. No. Leigh 73112
Atherton Ambulance Station . . . . . .) Tel. No. Leigh 939

Care of Children - Childrens Act, 1948

Childrens Committee - Lancashire County Council Area No. 11.

Area Childrens Officer:-

Miss J.W. Cole, M.A.,
89 Railway Road,
LEIGH. Tel. No. Leigh 72206

Clinics

1) Ante-Natal	Elliott Street Clinic, Monday.
2) Immunisation	At County Clinics as required.
3) Maternity & Child Welfare	(1) Astley Centre, Thursday p.m. (2) George Street Centre, Tyldesley, Tuesday p.m.
4) Ophthalmic	Elliott Street Clinic, Friday a.m.
5) Orthopaedic	Elliott Street Clinic, 1st Thursday of each month.
6) Post-Natal	Elliott Street Clinic, Monday.
7) School Health and Minor Ailments	Elliott Street Clinic, Monday
8) Physiotherapy	Elliott Street Clinic, Thursday a.m.
9) Dental	Elliott Street Clinic, Tuesday and Thursday
10) Tuberculosis	The Infirmary, Leigh.

11) Venereal Disease

1) Civic Centre, Bolton.
MALES AND FEMALES:-

Mon.	9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and 4 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.
Tues.	9 a.m. to 12 noon.
Wed.	9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.
Thurs.	9 a.m. to 12 noon.
Fri.	9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.
Sat.	9 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

2) Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan.
MALES:-

Fri.	2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

FEMALES:-

Wed.	2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

3) Leigh Infirmary, Leigh.
MALES AND FEMALES:-

Mon.	9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

Convalescence

Under arrangements made by the Lancashire County Council through the Divisional Medical Officer.

Convalescent Treatment

Under arrangements made by the Regional Hospital Board.

Health Visiting Service

Two Health Visitors/School Nurses employed in the District by the Lancashire County Council.

Home Help Service

Under arrangements made by the Lancashire County Council. Applications to Divisional Health Offices, Leigh Road, Leigh.

Home Nursing Service

Male and Female District Nurses provided by the Lancashire County Council.

Hospitals

1) General	Leigh Infirmary, Bolton Infirmary Atherleigh Hospital, Astley Hospital.
2) Infectious Diseases	Whelley Hospital, Hulton Lane Fever Hospital.

3) Maternity — Bolton and District General Hospital, Davyhulme Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital.

Maternity Homes

Firs Maternity Home, Leigh, Haslam, Haverscroft and Heaton Grange Maternity Homes, Bolton.

Laboratory Facilities

Regional Hospital Laboratories at Bolton and Wigan Infirmaries and at Monsall Fever Hospital.

Midwifery Service

Two full time domiciliary midwives provided by the Lancashire County Council.

Moral Welfare

Local Worker:-

Miss A. Rigby,

186 Chapel Street,

LEIGH. Tel. No. Leigh 71061

(Council for Moral Welfare Work)

Nursing Homes

None in the District.

Unmarried Mothers and Illegitimate Children

Provision for their care is made by the Lancashire County Council.

Welfare Service

Under arrangements made by the Lancashire County Council, residential accommodation at Atherleigh Grange and Hourigan House Hostel is available.

X Ray Facilities

At the General Hospitals of the Regional Board, Leigh, Bolton, and Wigan. Facilities for special chest cases at the Chest Clinic, Leigh Infirmary.

SECTION C

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

DIPHTHERIA

As last year no case or carrier was notified. Continuation of immunisation is still essential if the disease is to be controlled.

ERYSIPELAS

2 cases were notified.

FOOD POISONING

5 cases of this disease were reported during the year. As in the case of Dysentery, control of Food Poisoning is dependent upon the understanding and co-operation of all who handle food and drink.

MEASLES

152 cases were notified as against 247 in the previous year.

PNEUMONIA

2 cases of acute pneumonia were reported, and 1 was admitted to hospital.

SCARLET FEVER

The number of cases of Scarlet Fever was 47 a slight increase on last year, 1 only was admitted to hospital.

DYSENTERY

60 cases notified, 4 being admitted to hospital. Control depends upon the understanding and co-operation of all who handle food and drink.

WHOOPING COUGH

This year there were 10 cases as against 24 in 1959 and there were no deaths.

PUERPERAL PYREXIA

3 cases were notified and it was necessary to admit one to hospital.

TUBERCULOSIS

9 new cases of pulmonary, but no case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were reported during the year, as compared with 9 and none respectively the previous year.

SECTION D

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

GENERAL INFORMATION

The major portion of the district is urban in character concentrated chiefly in the north and centre, surrounded by an area of agricultural land.

The main industries are coal mining, cotton spinning and engineering, with a small number in agriculture.

None of the above industries appears to have given rise to any significant increase of injuries or disabilities of any occupational character throughout the year.

WATER SUPPLY

The Manchester Corporation Waterworks Committee are responsible for the supply and distribution of the water supply in the district.

5,638 dwelling houses, with a population of 17,390 persons are supplied with water from public mains. 11 houses with a total of 50 occupants draw supplies from private wells or springs. These are situated in isolated parts of the district and the dwellings are in connection with small holdings or agricultural land.

96 new houses have been connected to the town's water mains.

20 bacteriological examinations of town's mains water were made during the year and all were satisfactory.

Water mains have been extended to the extent of 471 lineal yards.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Sewage is conducted from the town by a main outfall sewer of 24 inches diameter to the Sewage Disposal Works at Morley's Hall, Astley. Alumino ferric is added to the sewage which then passes through precipitation and sedimentation tanks and percolating filters. The effluent from the filters before discharge into the Black or Moss Brook is passed through humus tanks.

Work continued on the new sewerage and sewage disposal scheme in the Astley Area to the end of the year when approximately three quarters of the contract work had been completed. All new houses have been connected to the sewer.

MARINE STORE DEALERS

There are five premises registered as Old Metal and Marine Store Dealers in the area.

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT

There are no premises in the district registered for the use of Rag Flock.

PETROLEUM (REGULATIONS) ACT 1928 AND 1936

The following licences to store petroleum spirit were issued during the year:-

Not exceeding	100 gallons	-	5
Exceeding	100 gallons not exceeding 500	-	10
Exceeding	500 gallons not exceeding 1,000	-	4
Exceeding	1,000 gallons not exceeding 5,000	-	6
Exceeding	5,000 gallons	-	5

No licences to Store Carbide of Calcium were issued.

PUBLIC BATHS

The Public Baths consists of two plunges, one large and one small, and eight slipper baths. No system of filtration or continuous chlorination exists. Water is obtained from the Towns mains and is changed twice weekly.

Eleven samples of swimming baths water were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for examination, 10 were found to be satisfactory and 1 unsatisfactory.

Two chemical samples of the swimming baths water were also examined, one of the small and one of the large plunge.

BATHERS FOR YEAR 1960

Ordinary	12,435
Old Age Pensioners	95
School Children	4,543
Club Members	2,441
Season Ticket Holders	485
Private	1,977

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

The figures below show the sanitary accommodation of the district for the present year compared with the year 1959.

	1960	1959
Number of privy middens	24	32
Number of closets attached to the above middens	31	40
Number of pail closets	41	45
Number of trough closets	Nil	7
Number of waste water closets	80	83
Number of fresh water closets	6,298	6,248

6 waste water closets have been converted to fresh water closets.

Grants are made by the Council for closet conversions on the following scale:-

£9 or half the cost which ever is the less	for	privy and	pail conversions
£8	-do-	-do-	waste water closets
£6	-do-	-do-	trough closets

PUBLIC CLEANSING

A weekly collection of house refuse is maintained throughout the district by means of 4 side loading 10 c.yd. vehicles and refuse is disposed of by means of controlled tipping. Pail closets are emptied by gully tank.

Tipping has continued on the Mount Pleasant site Shakerley during the year.

In the early summer the refuse tip is treated with an insecticide dressing, which is continued weekly throughout the summer months, and has been found to be effective in preventing the nuisance from flies and crickets.

Scavenging, gully emptying and snow removal are undertaken by the Surveyor's Department.

The provision of free dustbins has continued, and 312 bins were supplied by the department during the financial year.

The price of waste paper remained at £7-10-0 per ton.

The following are particulars of material salvaged during the year:-

Waste Paper . . . . . 14 tons 10 cwts. 2 qrs. £109 2s. 6d.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

Number of Inspections and Reinspections during the year	2,841
Number of notices served	34
Number of notices abated	18
Number of statutory notices served	28
Number of statutory notices abated	34

SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

Infectious Diseases &c.	221
Public Health Act, visits and revisits	355
Drainage	101
Markets	86
Refuse Collection and Disposal	92
Slaughterhouses	642
Housing Act	382
Rodent Control	202
Food Preparing Premises	135
Factories	50
Closet Conversions	3
Keeping of Animals	13
Food Shops &c	457
Smoke Abatement	8
Sampling	95
Accumulations	12
Tents, Vans and Sheds	5
Rent Act, 1957	14
Miscellaneous visits and interviews	142

SMOKE ABATEMENT

Frequent visits and observations have been made on Astley Green and Cleworth Hall Colliery spoilbanks. Water spraying commenced on Cleworth Tip and continued on Astley Green Tip.

New Martins Step Grate Stoker being installed in a new engine house to supercede existing pulverised fuel boiler and mechanical stokers at Astley Green Colliery.

8 visits have been made during the year regarding the Clean Air Act, 1956.

FACTORIES

The following tables give the number of inspections made regarding factories and the defects discovered &c.

	NO. ON REGTR.	NO. OF INSP.	NO. OF WRITTEN NOTICES	NO. OF OCCUPRS. PROSCTD.
Factories without mechanical power	3	2	-	-
Factories with mechanical power	52	50	4	-
TOTAL	55	52	4	-

	FOUND	REMEDIED	REFERRED TO H.M. INSP.	REFERRED BY H.M. INSP.	NO. OF CASES IN WHICH PROSEC. WERE INSTITD.
Want of Cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Unsuitable or defective sanitary conveniences	3	3	-	-	-
Not separate for sexes	1	1	-	-	-
TOTAL	4	4	-	-	-

VERMINOUS PREMISES

5 premises (1 Council house and 4 others) were disinfested during the year with a 5% DDT solution sprayed on to walls, woodwork &c. which treatment appears to give satisfactory results.

Household effects and furniture are examined before removal to Council houses and treated where necessary, advice and instructions are given to tenants in appropriate cases of the habits of vermin and the necessary measures to prevent re-infestation.

RATS AND MICE

A Rodent Operator is employed part-time in this work and the Ministry's recommended methods employed. All premises concerning which complaints are made are visited either by your Public Health Inspectors or the Rodent Operator, and treatment carried out where necessary. A charge is made for business premises, but a free service is provided for private dwelling houses.

The various properties and premises in the Council's occupation are regularly inspected and treated where necessary and sewers are treated twice yearly.

2,242 visits have been made to private dwellings, business premises and local authorities properties in connection with rodent infestation.

In addition two sewer treatments have been undertaken involving the inspection and baiting of manholes on three consecutive days.

SCHOOLS

All the schools are provided with an adequate water supply and fresh water closets. The playground of one school is not yet provided with a satisfactory yard surface.

A new secondary modern girls school has been erected in the Astley area and occupied during the year.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

109 visits and 112 revisits were paid to premises where Infectious Disease had occurred.

133 specimens were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination and report.

HOUSING

The majority of houses in the area are of 4 roomed cottage type lacking in the main such amenities as hot water supply and baths. Although materials are easier to obtain, prices remain high and this together with the high cost of labour make repairs still difficult to obtain.

Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects	259
Number of inspections made for that purpose	751
Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation as a result of the preliminary Slum Clearance Survey	187
Number of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for habitation	28
Number of dwelling houses where defects were remedied without formal notice	11
Number of dwelling houses in respect of which formal notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	34
Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice	25

47 houses were erected during the year by private persons, and 34 by the Local Authority.

There were 106 applications for Council houses at the end of 1960 and 56 for bungalows. Approximately 30% of applications are from sub-tenants.

Information extracted from the Council house application register shows the number of dwelling houses overcrowded at the end of the year to be 7 comprising 11 families and 40 persons. 4 new cases of overcrowding were reported during the year and 10 cases relieved.

47 houses have been demolished during the year.

8 Clearance Orders were made and confirmed during the year, comprising 42 houses.

A Public Inquiry was held by an Inspector of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government concerning one area comprising 3 houses and the houses in the area were visited and inspected by the Ministers' Inspector.

Demolition Orders were made in respect of 6 Individual houses.

Alternative accommodation was provided for the persons displaced by the Council building 26 three bedroomed houses and 16 bungalows on the Shakerley Housing Estate.

A list of the Areas and Individual houses follows:-

Area	Houses Comprised In Area	No. of Houses	Persons Displaced
Elliott Street, No.3	87, 89, 91, 93/95 Elliott Street	4	6
Blenheim Street, No.2	21, 23, 25 & 27 Elliott Street 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 & 13 Blenheim Street	10	28
Blossom Street, No.1.	6, 8, 10 & 12 Blossom Street	4	6
Castle Street, No.2	40 & 42 Castle Street	2	4
Charles Street, No.2	38, 40&42 Factory Street, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31 & 33 Charles Street	12	44
Market Street, No.1	17, 19, 21 & 23 Market Street	4	6
Sale Lane, No.3	95, 97 & 99 Sale Lane	3	9
Sale Lane, No. 4	492, 494 & 496 off Sale Lane	3	6
		42	109

Individual Unfit Houses

Address	No. of Houses	Persons Displaced
8 Lemon Street, Tyldesley.	1	2
15 New Bank Street, Tyldesley.	1	3
3 Yew Tree Cottages, Mosley Common.	1	6
3a Yew Tree Cottages, Mosley Common.	1	2
5 Yew Tree Cottages, Mosley Common.	1	5
3 Whitehead Hall Lane, Astley.	1	1
	6	19

Well maintained payments were granted in respect of 11 dwellings to the extent of £582-10-0 and compensation at market value on the District Valuers valuation in respect of 5 dwellings to the extent of £640-0-0 a total of £1,222-10-0

RENT ACT, 1957

Part 1 - Applications for Certificates of Disrepair

(1)	Number of applications for certificates	9
(2)	Number of decisions not to issue certificates	Nil
(3)	Number of decisions to issue certificates	
	(a) in respect of some but not all defects	7
	(b) in respect of all defects	1
(4)	Number of undertakings given by landlord under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	2
(5)	Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority	Nil
(6)	Number of certificates issued	6

Part 11 - Applications for Cancellation of Certificates

(7)	Applications by landlord to Local Authority for cancellation of certificates	1
(8)	Objections by tenants to cancellation of certificates	Nil
(9)	Decision by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants objections	Nil
(10)	Certificates cancelled by Local Authority	1

HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959

49 applications for Standard Grants under the above Act were made during the year ending December 1960.

47 applications were granted and 1 rejected, as the dwelling was not expected to have a life of 15 years and 4 withdrawn.

25 applications were for all 5 amenities
7 applications were for 4 amenities
5 applications were for 3 amenities
9 applications were for 2 amenities
3 applications were for 1 amenity

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There is one common lodging house in the district licenced annually with accommodation for 10 persons, which is conducted in a satisfactory manner.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

1 licence to keep a Pet Shop has been issued during the year.

MILK AND DAIRIES

The supervision and inspection of dairy farms is now the responsibility of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

The following milk licences have been issued during the year:-

Dealers licences to use the Special Designation "Sterilised"	78
Dealers licences to use the Special Designation "Pasteurised"	32
Dealers licences (including supplementary licences) to use the Special Designation "Tuberculin Tested"	31
The number of registered distributors operating from own farms in the district	3
The number of registered distributors operating from dairies in the district	7
The number of registered distributors operating from premises outside the district	6
The number of registered distributors operating from shops in the district other than dairies	68

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

5 private slaughterhouses were licensed for the slaughter of animals.

During the year 15 licences were issued to persons to slaughter animals for human consumption.

Condemned meat is sent to a nearby cat and dog food manufacturer, where it is sterilised and canned for animal food.

642 visits have been made to slaughterhouses in the district and the carcases of the following animals inspected 1,255 cattle, 502 cows, 18 calves, 6,896 sheep and 31 pigs.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed	1,253	502	18	6,896	31
Number Inspected	1,253	502	18	6,896	31
All diseases except Tuberculosis:-					
1) Whole carcases condemned	-	1	1	3	-
2) Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	230	244	-	215	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	18.5	48.6	5.5	3.1	-
Tuberculosis only:-					
1) Whole carcases condemned	1	-	-	-	-
2) Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	15	7	-	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	1.2	1.4	-	-	-

CYSTICERCUS BOVIS

All bovines are examined for Cysticercus Bovis and during the year 1 case was discovered.

1,108 visits have been made to food premises and the following foodstuffs were condemned:-

NATURE	QUANTITIES			
	Tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Cooked Meat		2	0	0
Potatoes		4	0	0
Cheese			1	0
Sultanas				7
Chestnuts				22
Butter, Fats etc.				7
Meat (including 6 whole carcases)	3	14	3	15
Miscellaneous (canned foodstuffs 90 tins)			3	16
	4	2	1	11

OFFENSIVE TRADES

There are now no offensive trades in the district.

FOOD POISONING

5 cases were reported during the year.

FOOD PREMISES

Progress regarding the Food Hygiene Regulations has continued to be good. Advice and assistance is given to all who desire it to enable them to comply with the regulations.

ICE CREAM PREMISES

Premises used for the sale or manufacture of ice cream have been visited regularly. There are now two premises registered for the manufacture and 59 for the sale of ice cream.

64 samples of ice cream were obtained and submitted to the methylene blue test of which 52 were Grade 1, 10 Grade 2, 1 Grade 1 and 1 Grade 4.

ADULTERATION OF FOOD

Sampling under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, is undertaken by the Lancashire County Council, and during the year 90 samples have been obtained by the Inspectors, 68 being milk and 22 others. All the samples were found to be genuine.